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Security Council

10:00 — 7419th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East[1]

   The victims of attacks and abuses on ethnic or religious grounds in the Middle East

   Letter dated 12 March 2015 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2015/176)

Afternoon[2] — 7420th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Libya

   Special report of the Secretary-General on the strategic assessment of the United Nations presence in Libya (S/2015/113)

   Letter dated 23 February 2015 from the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1973 (2011) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/128)

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (S/2015/144)

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[1] Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*.

[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 7419th meeting.

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General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Informal meetings of the plenary in the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, pursuant to resolution 69/244 and decisions 69/550 and 69/555, focusing on sustainable development goals and targets, will continue *today*, 27 March 2015, at *10:30* and 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber (Conference Room 11 will serve as overflow room). Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 March and 17 March 2015, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For further information, please *click here*; and to consult the list of side events, please *click here*. [webcast]

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	All outstanding issues	
15:00 to 18:00	34th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 3

1. Action on all items
2. Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. Executive meeting

International Civil Service Commission
Eightieth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
	Adoption of reports	

Economic and Social Council

Committee for Development Policy
Seventeenth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Other meetings

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Friday, 27 March 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 10:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
13:15 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Women and Slavery" (General Assembly resolution 62/122) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

[For more details on the activities on the occasion of the International Day, please *click here*.]

Global student videoconference "Women and Slavery" (organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI))

From 09:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room 2. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. William Yotive, DPI (e-mail yotive@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1400).]

Panel discussion on the theme "The Relevance of Interreligious and Inter-Civilizational Dialogue to the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals" (co-organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), the Universal Peace Federation, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Holy See)

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanifa Mezoui, UNAOC (e-mail mezouih@un.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6204).]

Workshop on "Multilateral Negotiations: Sustainable Development and Peaceful and Inclusive Societies" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office)

From 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

[All permanent missions and permanent mission observers are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 27 March 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:00	Press conference on Earth Hour and Climate Change [*Speakers:* Mr. Janos Pasztor, Assistant Secretary-General on Climate Change; and Mr. Sudhanshu Sarronwala, Earth Hour's Global Spokesperson]
12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Security Council stakeout [webcast]

12:30 (approximately)	His Excellency Laurent Fabius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of France (press encounter)

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Informal informal consultations, convened by the Permanent Missions of Guyana and Norway on modalities of the third International Conference on Financing for Development will be held on Wednesday, 1 April 2015 at 10:00, in Conference Room 12. For further information please contact the Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail erling.michael.motzfeldt.kravik@mfa.no).

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 30 March 2015

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

High-level Interactive Dialogue on "The International Decade for Action 'Water for Life': Progress achieved and lessons learned for sustainable development"[1]

Opening

Statements by

President of the General Assembly

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

09:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Morning segment: *Comprehensive Review of "Water for Life" Decade*

What progress has been achieved during the Decade and what challenges persist?

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Afternoon segment: *Carrying the lessons learned from the Decade into the Post-2015 Development Agenda*

What are the good practices for sustainable and integrated water management?

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

What are the good practices with regards to means of implementation and partnerships?

16:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

[1] A letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 18 March 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information please *click here*.

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items).

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (Room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Informal meeting under agenda item 74 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

An informal meeting (closed) on the way forward on the recommendations adopted on 23 January 2015 by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held on Wednesday, 1 April 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

General Assembly

Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts under the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects Informal consultations

Informal consultations

Informal consultations on preparations for the Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts (MGE2) under the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (scheduled for Monday, 1, to Friday, 5 June 2015) will be held on Thursday, 2 April 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1. The informal consultations will be convened by His Excellency Vlad Lupan of the Republic of Moldova in his capacity as the Chair-designate of the Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts.

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Sixteenth meeting

The sixteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be held from Monday, 6 to Friday, 10 April 2015. The meeting will be convened on Monday, 6 April 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/245 (A/RES/69/245), the meeting will focus its discussions on the topic "Oceans and sustainable development: integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development, namely, environmental, social and economic".

The format and annotated provisional agenda of the meeting are available and issued as document A/AC.259/L.16. The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus of the meeting as well as the table of panellists for the sixteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process are also available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Meeting to the Division by *Thursday, 2 April 2015* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

States representing a Group of States wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Division (e-mail salpin@un.org).

Disarmament Commission
2015 substantive session

The 2015 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 6 April, to Friday, 24 April 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 6 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch via Note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1 to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than* Friday, 15 May 2015. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Ninth session

Guinea configuration

An informal meeting of the Guinea configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 1 April 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 11.

Economic and Social Council
2015 session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution of the operational activities segment (E/2015/L.3) convened by the Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez (Colombia), and facilitated by Ms. Marcela Ordoñez (Colombia) will be held on Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 21:00, in Conference Room 9.

Integration segment (30 March-1 April 2015)

The integration segment, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Vladimir Drobnjak (Croatia), will be held from Monday, 30 March, to Wednesday, 1 April 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Pursuant to Council decision 2015/204, the theme for the segment is "Achieving sustainable development through employment creation and decent work". The segment will include interactive panel discussions and dialogues. For additional information, including the draft programme and related side events, please consult the Website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Sibel Selcuk, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, (e-mail selcuk@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5019).

General discussion and list of speakers

The general discussion of the integration segment will be held on Tuesday, 31 March 2015, from 16:30 to 18:00, and on Wednesday, 1 April, from 11:30 to 13:00. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis

(c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail dua@un.org; Room S-1285)). Inscriptions to the list of speakers will close by 17:00 of the preceding day. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for individual delegations.

Coordination and management meeting (8-10 April 2015)

The coordination and management meeting chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will be held from Wednesday, 8 to Friday, 10 April 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. For additional information, please consult the Website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Leslie Wade, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail wade@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4420).

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies during the April coordination and management meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies on which the Council will take action is contained in document E/2015/1/Add.1.

Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups are reminded to submit their nominations *as soon as possible* to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org) with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org) or by mail to ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meetings of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2015 session of the Council, containing the names of the participants to all the meetings of the Council.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services will be available for the duration of the 2015 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the Council's PaperSmart Portal (please *click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Council's PaperSmart Portal only after delivery by delegations.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-eighth session

The forty-eighth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 13 to Friday, 17 April 2015. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 13 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4.

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2015/1 and E/CN.9/2015/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent in writing, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: realizing the future we want: integrating population issues into sustainable development, including in the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 13 April 2015 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2015/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the forty-eighth session of the Commission. The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) in all available official languages.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least two* hours in advance of their designated speaking slot and to bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The date and time of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-ninth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-ninth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-eighth session.

Side events

Information on side events, or activities organized outside the formal programme of t session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here*.

Committee for Programme and Coordination
Fifty-fifth session
Organizational session

The organizational session of the fifty-fifth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held on Thursday, 23 April 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5, for the purpose of electing its Bureau.

The Committee will also have before it the annotated provisional agenda for the sessi (E/AC.51/2015/1), the note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2015/L.1) and the note by the Secretariat on the list of repor of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2015/L.2).

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of the note verba will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Committee and would like to participate a observers are also requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the secretariat well in advance of the scheduled organizational session.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Fourteenth session

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold its fourteenth session from Monday, 20 April, to Friday, 1 May 2015, in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2015/1, and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2015/L.1.

Participation and seating arrangements

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, in advance of the session, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday 8 April 2015*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For background and other related documents of the fourteenth session of the Forum, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/indigenous (or *click here*).

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

The fourteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Forum will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal.

QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

List of speakers

The list of speakers will open as of Wednesday, 1 April 2015. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1/Rev.1*.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the Website of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (*click here*).

Forthcoming other meetings

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International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties

Friday, 10 April 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4.

Forthcoming other activities

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Opening ceremony of the exhibition "Water for Life Voices", dedicated to the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life, 2005-2015" (General Assembly resolution 58/217) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Korea, Spain and Tajikistan, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Monday, 30 March 2015, at 12.45, at the Visitors' Lobby.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Bilol Bobojon, Permanent Mission of Tajikistan (e-mail tajikistan@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 207-3315); or Ms. Maria Mercedes Sánchez, DESA (e-mail sanchezmm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9421).]

Panel discussions on the occasion of the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (4 April) (General Assembly resolution 60/97)

"Vision from the Field" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan and the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS))

Monday, 30 March 2015, from 13:30 to 14:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kaori Ozawa, United Nations Mine Action Service (e-mail ozawa@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4798).]

"The Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Threat" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Chad and the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS))

Monday, 30 March 2015, from 15:15 to 17:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kaori Ozawa, United Nations Mine Action Service (e-mail ozawa@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4798).]

"Mine Action: It's your Business" (organized by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS))

Tuesday, 31 March 2015, from 13:15 to 15:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kaori Ozawa, United Nations Mine Action Service (e-mail ozawa@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4798).]

Orientation course for new members of permanent missions on the work of the United Nations (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Tuesday, 7 April 2015, from 09:45 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room A; and

Wednesday, 8 April 2015, from 10:00 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room A.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196); to register, please *click here*.]

Panel discussion on "Cyber Information and Communications Technology Security: Confidence-building measures" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Lithuania)

Wednesday, 8 April 2015, from 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Dovydas Spokauskas, Permanent Mission of Lithuania (e-mail dovydas.spokauskas@urm.lt; tel. 1 (212) 983-9474).]

Special event on "Mobilizing local finance to implement the Post-2015 development agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of France and the Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments)

Friday, 10 April 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rachel Rouchouse, Permanent Mission of France (e-mail rachel.rouchouse@diplomatie.gouv.fr; tel. 1 (212) 702-4933).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)
(Nairobi, 14-16 April 2015)

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 67/216 of 21 December 2012 and 69/226 of 19 December 2014, the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) will be held from Tuesday, 14 April to Thursday, 16 April 2015, at the United Nations Office at Nairobi. A note verbale, dated 30 January 2015, was sent to all permanent

representatives and permanent observers to the United Nations. The annotated provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/1.

Participating States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and regional commissions wishing to attend the session of the Preparatory Committee are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat in advance of the session (e-mail muturi@un.org, with copy to habitat3secretariat@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3783)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by email. In order to facilitate the accreditation process, participants are strongly encouraged to submit their delegation lists *as early as possible*.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail muturi@un.org). Statements should be limited to *five minutes* when speaking in a national capacity and *seven minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

Additional information on the second session of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III is available from the Conference website (www.habitat3.org).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following trainings (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *March*:

Finding Speeches

Country and Map Resources for the United Nations Community

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.org/depts/dhl/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament: Call for nominations

The Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) wishes to draw the attention of Member States to its note verbale ODA/02-2015/FP, inviting nominations to the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament. *The deadline is Friday, 17 April 2015.*

For permanent missions that have not yet received this note verbale, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn. Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; Room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

In paragraph 20 of its resolution 68/279, the General Assembly invited all Member States and other potential donors to consider contributing generously to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13-16 July 2015) and the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. For additional information, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 26 March 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7415th meeting *The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2015/172)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the region (S/2015/173)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2015/209, submitted by France.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2015/209) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2015/209) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2211 (2015).

After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of New Zealand.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

7416th meeting — *The situation in the Central African Republic*

Letter dated 29 January 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/85)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2015/210, submitted by France.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2015/210) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2015/210) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2212 (2015).

7417th meeting — *The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Robert Serry, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Serry.

7418th meeting — *The situation in the Middle East*

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014) and 2191 (2014) (S/2015/206)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Ms. Valerie Amos, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Ms. Amos.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954

Accession: Turkey (26 March 2015)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Turkey (26 March 2015)

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these Prescriptions. Geneva, 20 March 1958

Accession: Georgia (26 March 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
His Excellency Wilfried Emvula

Asia-Pacific States:
Yemen
His Excellency Khaled Hussein Mohamed Alyemany

Eastern European States:
Slovenia
His Excellency Andrej Logar

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
His Excellency Courtenay Rattray

Western European and other States:
Belgium
Her Excellency Bénédicte Frankinet

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Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

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These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

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A/RES/69/266	Adopted by the General Assembly on 26 February 2015 [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/69/L.31	Items 132 and 115 — Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Draft decision submitted by the Chair of the Committee following informal consultations — Programme budget implications relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 — Statute of the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/69/L.55 [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
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A/AC.109/2015/18	Dissemination of information on decolonization during the period from April 2014 to March 2015 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2015/10/Add.12	Summary statement by the Secretary-General of matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
A/69/824-S/2015/193	Identical letters dated 18 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
S/2015/207	Letter dated 23 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/Agenda/7414	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

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S/AC.56/2015/1 Note verbale dated 18 March 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

S/AC.56/2015/2 Note verbale dated 18 March 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Lithuania to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

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E/RES/2014/31 Adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 17 November 2014 [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

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